

1994 with her Juris Doctorate, Claudia created her own firm where she managed a law practice specializing in family law matters serving low-income clients in Santa Ana. Following her time at her firm, she started serving as an Orange County Deputy District Attorney in 1999.

While working at the Orange County District Attorney's Office, Claudia was elected to the City Council of Santa Ana from 2000 to 2012 and actively worked to improve public safety of the city. She joined the Orange County Water District's Board of directors in 2007 to 2012 and ensured clean waters for more than 2.5 million county residents. From 2012 to 2020, she joined the Rancho Santiago Community College District as a Governing Board Member and oversaw the management and operation of the college district, including its two sister colleges, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

Aside from her roles in public office, Claudia has invested countless hours in her community through her volunteer work. Claudia has been a mentor for the Puente (Bridge) and Hermanita (Little Sister) programs, has served as president of the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, vice president of Kinder Caminata, and president of MANA (Orange County Chapter). Claudia has also served as a board member of Community Service Programs (CSP) (now known as Waymakers). She also has volunteered in the award-winning Orange County Gang and Intervention Partnership since 2011.

Her merit has earned her several accolades such as the Past President's Award from the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association in 2000. She has also received California State University of Fullerton's "Distinguished Alumni Recognition—Querer es Poder: 50 Examples" in 2008. In 2016, she was recognized as the Woman of the Year by the National Hispanic Business Women Association in Orange County. Claudia Alvarez has been described as instrumental in improving public safety and quality of life for her community. She has made her community proud and served as a role model that many aspire to follow.

For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing my constituent Claudia Alvarez, for her humanitarian accomplishments and her commitment to her community.

TRIBUTE TO Foothill COLLEGE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Foothill College on being named the Best Community College in America by Niche and Stacker. Foothill is located in Los Altos Hills, California, and has been a pioneer in higher education since its founding in 1957. Foothill College democratizes higher education by offering 191 degrees and certificates to students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. More than 13,000 students are enrolled each quarter across the institution's learning settings, which include online classes, field sites, and its beautiful campus. More than 60 percent of students are minorities, 45 percent of enrollees are 25 years or older, and women represent more than half of those enrolled.

The values of the College underpin everything it does: honesty, integrity, trust, openness, transparency, forgiveness, sustainability, and excellence. Trust and openness are evident in the sterling review one Junior wrote about Foothill:

"The professors show that they care for their students by being flexible to meet with students one-on-one and they are very big on advocating for diversity within their classrooms [. . .] Most importantly, the professors provide students with the information of almost every resource that is available to us such as tutoring, mental health services, and financial aid resources." (Niche)

Foothill College maintains its excellence by continuously measuring its accessibility, student success, pedagogy, and learning climate. The Financial Aid Office delivers on its mission to make a college education attainable for every student through the Foothill College Promise, two years of free tuition for first-time, full-time students. Student Services creates an inclusive learning community by working with professors to provide personal translation services in 12 languages, including American Sign Language. A survey of recent graduates shows that 85 percent of students who studied Careers in Technical Education got a job in a field similar to their academic focus, and 57 percent of students who entered the work force after community college secured a living wage. Foothill is pushing the boundaries of community college education by offering a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene, and a new bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy starting in 2024.

Our Nation's Veterans have made Foothill College their home. Working hand-in-hand with the Veterans Resource Center, servicemembers explore careers and become part of the local community. Many transfer to a 4-year college or begin working, empowered by the tools Foothill College has given them.

For all these reasons and more, Foothill College has earned the distinction of 'The Best Community College in America'. As a graduate of a community college myself, I know how valuable a community college education is. How proud I am that the home of Foothill College is California's 16th Congressional District where it is a jewel in the crown of the District that I am so privileged to represent.

HONORING HANNA YUN

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hanna Yun for her service to Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Having grown up in Korea, Hanna is a strong voice for Korean and immigrant communities in Kentucky's Third District. She is currently serving her second term as the President of the Korean American Association of Kentuckiana, and is an activist, volunteer, and leader in outreach. I thank Hanna for her commitment to Louisville's immigrant communities.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MCFARLAND III, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS GILMARTIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Joseph McFarland III, who has been awarded the Gilmartin Achievement Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Joseph will be recognized at the group's annual gathering on March 17, 2023.

Joseph, the son of Joseph and Andrea McFarland, grew up in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. He attended Bishop Hannan High School, graduating with the class of 1987. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving for six years, including during the Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm, before his honorable discharge.

In 1993, Joseph began working as an hourly associate at the Home Depot, beginning his 30-year career in retail. He quickly rose through the ranks, taking on increasingly challenging and increasingly senior positions. He retired from the company in 2015 as a division president, overseeing more than 110,000 associates. Joseph continued to excel in retail executive management. He was based in Dallas, Texas as the chief operations officers of JCPenney, where he was responsible for stores, operations and merchandising.

Since 2018, Joseph has been the executive vice president for Lowe's. He is responsible for nearly 300,000 associates, leading teams relating to stores, contact centers, services, operations, workforce management, asset protection, real estate, facilities, aviation and global security.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Joseph works to give back to his community. He serves on the boards of the Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation, City of Hope Hardware/Homebuilding Industry, Building Homes for Heroes and the Big XII Council. Together with his wife, Misty, he founded a nonprofit real estate company to provide affordable housing for Georgians in need in the Greater Atlanta area.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons to recognize Joseph, a proud son of Northeastern Pennsylvania, for his impressive career achievements and his military service. May he continue to strive for excellence in his professional and personal endeavors. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING JOLENE MOLITORIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honoring and celebrating Jolene Molitoris for all her years of dedicated service to improving rail service and safety in Ohio, and across our country, and around the globe. It is important for me to honor Jolene, who I have known for well over 30 years, dating back to her days with the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority.

As a city planner, I know the importance of transportation and mobility for my constituents